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C. Ashley Royal
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Georgia 1971 AB, 1974 JD, 1976 MS
Began Service: December 28, 2001
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Assistant District Attorney, District Attorney's Office, Augusta Judicial Circuit (1974-1975)

Legal Practice: Partner, Howard, Howard & Royal (1976); Public Defender, Glynn County (1976-1977); Associate, Falligant, Kent & Toporek (1977-1978); Solo Practitioner (1978); Associate, Fulcher, Fulcher, Hagler, Harper & Reed (1979-1980); Partner, Kent, Barrow & Royal (1980-1983); Of Counsel, Jones, Cork & Miller, LLP (1984-1985); Partner, Jones, Cork & Miller, LLP (1985-2001)

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Wilbur D. Owens, Jr.
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1930
Education: Georgia 1952 LLB
Began Service: March 1, 1972
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

Academic: Vice President and Trust Officer, Bank of Albany (1955-1959); Secretary and Treasurer, Southeastern Mortgage Company (1959-1962)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Georgia, Department of Justice (1962-1965)

Legal Practice: Partner, Smith, Gardner & Owens (1954-1955); Partner, Bloch, Hall, Hawkins & Owens (1965-1972)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1952-1954); United States Air Force Reserve (1954-1968)

Current Memberships: Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

Staff

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**Duross Fitzpatrick**
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934
Education: Georgia 1961 BS, 1966 LLB
Began Service: 1986
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Judicial: Judge, County Recorder's Court (1974-1979)

Legal Practice: Associate, Elliott & Davis (1966-1967); Private Practice (1967-1983); Senior Partner, Fitzpatrick & Mullis (1983-1986)

Military Service: United States Marine Corps (1954-1957)

Current Memberships: American Bar Foundation; American Inns of Court; Georgia Bar Foundation; Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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Claude W. Hicks, Jr.
Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Furman 1967 BA; Mercer 1970 JD
Began Service: 1986
Term Expires: 2010

Judicial: United States Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia (1983-1986)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1970-1986)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve (1967-1975)

Current Memberships: Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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Richard L. Hodge
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Mercer 1977 JD
Began Service: August 26, 1993
Term Expires: August 25, 2009

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**G. Mallon Faircloth**
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Tennessee 1965 BS, 1968 JD
Began Service: July 1, 1999
Term Expires: June 30, 2007

Judicial: Judge, Superior Courts of Georgia, Cordele Judicial Circuit (1981-1999)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1968-1981)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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Robert F. Hershner, Jr.
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
Education: Mercer 1966 AB, 1969 JD
Began Service: December 1, 1980

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Mercer University (1982-1984)

Legal Practice: Associate, Adams, O'Neal, Hemingway & Kaplan (1972-1976); Partner, Kaplan & Hershner (1976-1980); Counsel, Georgia Legal Services Corporation

Military Service: United States Army (1970-1975)

Current Memberships: Georgia Bar Association; Macon Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Staff

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John T. Laney III
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Mercer 1964 AB, 1966 JD
Began Service: October 1, 1986
Term Expires: October 1, 2014

Legal Practice: Associate, Swift, Pease, Davidson & Chapman (1970-1973); Member, Page, Scrantom, Harris & Chapman (1973-1986)

Military Service: United States Army (1964-1970)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Columbus Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Georgia

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